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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	25
NO:	0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1208, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
- 3 education.
- 4 Page 1, line 6, after "service" insert "**by an individual**".
- 5 Page 1, line 6, delete "at" and insert "**the**".
- 6 Page 1, line 6, delete "thirty" and insert "**of the following periods:**
- 7 (1) **Twenty-four (24) consecutive months.**
- 8 (2) **The entire period during which deployment orders are in**
- 9 **effect for the individual.**
- 10 (3) **Any period of service from which the individual is released**
- 11 **due to a service connected disability."**
- 12 Page 1, delete line 7.
- 13 Page 1, line 10, delete "'commission'" and insert "'**department**'".
- 14 Page 1, line 10, after "the" insert "**Indiana department of**".
- 15 Page 1, line 11, delete "veterans" and insert "**veterans**".

- 1 Page 1, line 11, delete "commission".
- 2 Page 1, line 11, delete "IC 10-17-1-3." and insert "**IC 10-17-1-2.**".
- 3 Page 1, line 16, after "6." insert "**(a)**".
- 4 Page 2, line 3, delete "either:".
- 5 Page 2, line 4, delete "(A)".
- 6 Page 2, line 4, delete "at any time" and insert "**while serving on**
- 7 **active duty**".
- 8 Page 2, run in lines 3 through 4.
- 9 Page 2, line 6, after "Defense;" delete "or".
- 10 Page 2, line 7, beginning with "(B)" begin a new line block
- 11 indented.
- 12 Page 2, line 7, delete "(B)" and insert "**(3)**".
- 13 Page 2, line 7, after "serves" insert "**any part of the individual's**
- 14 **service**".
- 15 Page 2, line 8, beginning with "(i)" begin a new line double block
- 16 indented.
- 17 Page 2, line 8, delete "(i)" and insert "**(A)**".
- 18 Page 2, line 9, beginning with "(ii)" begin a new line double block
- 19 indented.
- 20 Page 2, line 9, delete "(ii)" and insert "**(B)**".
- 21 Page 2, line 13, delete "(3)" and insert "**(4)**".
- 22 Page 2, line 16, delete "(4)" and insert "**(5)**".
- 23 Page 2, line 19, delete "(5)" and insert "**(6)**".
- 24 Page 2, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 25 "**(b) For purposes of this section, the commission for higher**
- 26 **education established by IC 20-12-0.5-2 shall define the mandatory**
- 27 **fees in consultation with the state student assistance commission**
- 28 **established by IC 20-12-21-4.**".
- 29 Page 3, line 8, delete "commission" and insert "**department**".
- 30 Page 3, line 12, delete "commission" and insert "**director of the**
- 31 **department**".
- 32 Page 3, line 14, delete "commission" and insert "**director of the**
- 33 **department**".
- 34 Page 3, line 17, after "(c)" insert "**to the veterans' affairs**
- 35 **commission established by IC 10-17-1-3**".
- 36 Page 3, line 20, after "The" insert "**veterans' affairs**".
- 37 Page 3, line 21, after "the" insert "**veterans' affairs**".
- 38 Page 3, line 24, delete "section" and insert "**chapter**".

Page 3, delete lines 26 through 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 20-12-21-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 15. (a) The commission shall administer the ~~hereby created~~ freedom of choice grant program.

(b) A person shall be:

(1) eligible for a grant under this program if:

(a) (A) the person is qualified for a higher education award under the terms of sections 6 or 6.1 of this chapter, even though lack of funds prevents the actual award or grant;

(b) (B) the person has a financial need as determined pursuant to this chapter, and the rules and regulations of the commission in excess of such award; and

(c) (C) the person will attend an approved institution of higher learning as defined in section 3(2)(A), 3(2)(B), or 3(2)(C) of this chapter, which is operated privately and not administered or controlled by any state agency or entity; or

(2) entitled to a grant under this program if the person:

(A) qualifies for a tuition exemption under IC 20-12-19 or IC 20-12-19.9; and

(B) will attend an approved institution of higher learning, as defined in section 3(2)(A), 3(2)(B), or 3(2)(C) of this chapter, that is operated privately and not administered or controlled by any state agency or entity.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-21-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 16. Freedom of choice grant renewals shall be governed by the same conditions as are set forth in section 7(b) of this chapter. **However, the condition described in section 7(b)(3) of this chapter does not apply to the renewal of a grant awarded under section 15(b)(2) of this chapter.**

SECTION 4. IC 20-12-21-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 17. (a) **For freedom of choice grants awarded under section 15(b)(1) of this chapter**, the amount of ~~a freedom of choice the grant to be made pursuant to this program~~ shall not exceed the difference between the amount of the total financial need of the student, as determined pursuant to the commission's rules and regulations, and the higher education award made under section 6 or 6.1 of this chapter, or the sum necessary to pay

1 tuition and regularly assessed fees at the institution, whichever is
2 smaller.

3 **(b) For freedom of choice grants awarded under section 15(b)(2)**
4 **of this chapter, the amount of the grant may not exceed the**
5 **statewide average of educational costs assessed at all state**
6 **educational institutions (as defined in IC 20-12-0.5-1), as**
7 **determined by the commission.**

8 SECTION 5. IC 20-12-74-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. As used in this
10 chapter, "eligible student" means a person who:

11 (1) is **either:**

12 **(A) a member of the Indiana National Guard:**

13 ~~(A)~~ **(i)** in active drilling status; and

14 ~~(B)~~ **(ii)** who has not been absent without leave within the
15 twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date the
16 person applies for a tuition scholarship under this chapter;

17 **or**

18 **(B) a former member of the Indiana National Guard who**
19 **was called to active duty (as defined in IC 20-12-21-5.1(f))**
20 **at least one (1) time while a member of the Indiana**
21 **National Guard;**

22 (2) does not possess a bachelor's degree from an institution of
23 higher learning (as defined in IC 20-12-70-4);

24 (3) possesses the requisite academic qualifications;

25 (4) meets the requirements of the state educational institution in
26 which the person is enrolled or will enroll; and

27 (5) meets all other eligibility requirements as determined by the
28 commission.

29 SECTION 6. IC 20-12-74-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 7. (a) Money in the
31 national guard tuition supplement program fund shall be used to
32 provide annual tuition scholarships to scholarship applicants who
33 qualify under this chapter in an amount that is equal to one (1) of the
34 following amounts:

35 (1) If the scholarship applicant does not receive other financial
36 assistance specifically designated for tuition and mandatory fees,
37 the amount equal to a full tuition scholarship to attend the state
38 educational institution.

- 1 (2) If the scholarship applicant receives other financial assistance
 2 specifically designated for tuition and mandatory fees, the
 3 amount:
- 4 (A) equal to the balance required to attend the state
 5 educational institution; and
 6 (B) not to exceed the amount described in subdivision (1).
- 7 (b) Each tuition scholarship awarded under this chapter:
- 8 (1) may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship
 9 award that does not exceed the equivalent of ~~eight (8) semesters;~~
 10 **one hundred twenty-four (124) semester credit hours;** and
 11 (2) that is renewable under this chapter is subject to other
 12 eligibility criteria as established by the commission.
- 13 **(c) This subsection applies to an eligible student who was called**
 14 **to active duty (as defined in IC 20-12-21-5.1(f)) at least one (1) time**
 15 **while a member of the Indiana National Guard. After the eligible**
 16 **student ceases to be a member of the Indiana National Guard, the**
 17 **eligible student is entitled to have the eligible student's eligibility**
 18 **for tuition assistance extended for an amount of time equal to the**
 19 **amount of time the eligible student spent on active duty."**
 20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to HB 1208 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Crawford